National media policy for electronic Media

2721. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to adopt a national media policy for the electronic media;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) At present there is no concrete proposal to bring out a National Media Policy for electronic media. However, a sub-committee of the Consultative Committee members attached to the Ministry is envisaged to be constituted for preparing a Positional Paper/working Paper on National Media Policy, including the Electronic Media in consultation with Media Experts.

Independent news rooms of AIR in certain places

2722. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Government propose to set up independent news rooms under the aegis of All India Radio in Sambalpur, Jeypore, Keonjhar; Baripada and Berhampur, as regional Bulletins are not clearly audible in the above areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): No, Sir. All India Radio stations at Sambalpur, Jeypore, Keonjhar and Baripada which relay the regional news bulletins from All India Radio, Cuttack are now receiving the bulletins from Cuttack through satellite thereby ensuring satisfactory quality of reception in their programme zones.

Rescinding the newsprint control order, 1962

2723. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation for rescinding the Newsprint control order, 1962 and if so, what is the reaction of Government; and

(b) what are the reasons given in the aforesaid representation in favour of their demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The Indian Newspaper Society (INS) has represented for rescinding the Newsprint Control order, 1962 to enable newspapers to purchase newsprint from any source of their choice. The Newsprint Control Order is adminstered by the Ministry of Industry who would keep the representation in view while taking a decision in the matter.

CNN's offer to Doordarshan

2724. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cable News Network (CNN) has offered entertainment programmes from its repertoire to Doordarshan on a "purely commercial basis";

(b) whether the Network reportedly evinced interest in a transponder

on INSAT-2B, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 4th March, 194; and

(c) if so, whether Doordarshan has so far taken any decision in this regard indicating the terms and conditions for the selection of programme including a decision on transponder on the India satellite for commercial purposes to CNN; the details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No. Sir.

भारतीय सूचना सेवा में ग्रुप "ए" और ग्रुप "बी" के रिक्त पद

2725. **श्रीमती सत्या बहिन**: क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उनके मंत्रालय के अधीन भारतीय सूचना सेवा में ग्रुप "ए" और ग्रुप "बी" के कितने-कितने पद हैं ;

(ख) उक्त पदों में से कितने पद रिक्त पड़े हुए हैं जिनके परिणामस्वरूप सरकारी प्रचार माध्यमों की सेवायें प्रभावित हो रही हैं ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि अपेक्षित सेवा पूरी कर लेने के बाद भी अधिकारियों को विभागीय प्रोन्नति मिलने में देरी हो रही है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव) : (क) से (ग) भारतीय सूचना सेवा में पदों तथा रिक्तियों की अद्यतन संख्या निम्न कार से है :—

	स्वीकृत पद	रिक्तियां
ग्रुप "क"	548	139
ग्रुप "ख"	842	175

प्रोन्नतियों में विलम्ब का मुख्य कारण 1987 और उससे आगे विभिन्न अदालती मामलों में केन्द्रीय प्रशासनिक अधिकरण तथा उच्चतम न्यायालय के निर्णयों के अनुपालन में सभी ग्रेडों की सेवाओं की वरिष्ठता सूचियों में सतत रूप से संशोधन किया जाना है । तथापि रिक्तियों का भरा जाना लगातार चलने वाली एक प्रक्रिया है तथा इन रिक्तियों को भरने के लिए समय-समय पर आवश्यक उपाय किए जाते हैं जिनमें यह सुनिश्चित किए जाने हेतु आंतरिक व्यवस्था किया जाना शामिल है कि कार्य का हर्जा न हो ।

Expenditure on Information and Broadcasting

2726. **SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:**
SHRI J. S. RAJU:
SHRI MISA R. GENESAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total expenditure incurred on Information and broadcasting for the years 1990, 1991 and 1993;

(b) what is the amount spent for programmes on education;

(c) how many new TV stations are likely to be commissioned during the year 1994;

(d) what is the present stage of these TV stations;

(e) by when these new TV stations are expected to be commissioned;

(f) the effect of metro channel on Indian TV; and

(g) what is Government's assessment on the reaction of the general public on Metro Channel?